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Book of the Month

I have finally completed the third novel that is the final installment of a best-selling trilogy. The Last Star is a young adult science fiction novel written by American author Rick Yancey. It is the sequel to The Infinite Sea and the third and final book of the 5th Wave series. The Last Star concludes the story of 16 year old Cassiopeia "Cassie" Sullivan battling against the aliens that have invaded Earth. It continues the story from where it was left off in its prequel, The Infinite Sea.

This series does science fiction right. It has non-stop action, vivid characters and an apocalyptic storyline that keeps you on the edge of your seat. Yancey knows how to captivate his readers. The last Star is an excellent final chapter to the trilogy. Intertwining the horror of the end of the world with a coming of age novel, these books succeed on so many levels. Even though they are considered young adult, these novels are far superior to some of the adult books in the genre.

From the moment you start reading, Yancey grabs and draws you into the storyline. You sympathize with the characters and even relate to them on certain levels. I do not want to give too much away, but suffice to say, there are plenty of twists and turns to keep you guessing the outcome until the last page. If you are a fan of science fiction, I highly recommend you read this series. For more information on Rick Yancey and his novels, go to <http://www.rickyancey.com>.

Hot Happenings

Mardi Gras is over and as luck (of the Irish) would have it we have St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day celebrations around town, and before you know it, Easter will be here. Time flies when you live in the city of parties and merriment! Here are just a few ideas hot happenings to check out as spring approaches.

Wednesday, March 15

One of the most anticipated spring-time events in New Orleans, Art in Bloom showcases spectacular floral designs created by over 100 exhibitors that remain on display at New Orleans Museum of Art for five days from March 15-19. This year's theme, Rhythm & Blooms, will bring together exhibitors from New Orleans and beyond to celebrate music and its role in New Orleans' vibrant culture. Proceeds from Art in Bloom benefit education projects and exhibitions at NOMA and commu-

nity projects of The Garden Study Club of New Orleans. On Wednesday, there will be the patron and preview party from 6 – 10pm. The Patron and Preview Party features cuisine and libations from 30 top New Orleans restaurants, a silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind art, and live music. Guests enjoy an exclusive preview of the floral displays. For tickets, go to www.noma.org.

Saturday, March 18

Join us for this annual tradition and a SPECTACULAR evening to raise money for NO/AIDS TASK Force's Food For Friends at The 15th Annual Spring Fever Easter Party at The Four Seasons (3229 N. Causeway Blvd). This fabulous annual Gay Easter Parade event will include a shrimp boil, a silent auction and a show for a donation of just \$15.00.

Saturday, March 18

The annual New Orleans Film Society Patron Party + Gala will be held at the Magnolia Mansion and Altamura (2127 Prytainia Street). Named one of New Orleans' top parties of 2015 by NOLA.com, the event celebrates cinema like never before – craft cocktails, gourmet fare, live music, keynote honorees and a live auction add to the unforgettable night. Each year, the New Orleans Film Society honors a noted figure in the film industry, in particular the Louisiana film industry. The Patron Party will take place from 7 - 8pm, followed by the Gala from 8 – 11pm. Ticket prices start at \$125. Every ticket purchased to the Gala will go directly towards the New Orleans Film Society's mission: to engage, educate, and inspire through the art of film. To this end, NOFS hosts regular monthly screenings and events, in addition to three film festivals and one film showcase annually. NOFS supports filmmakers and audiences, serving close to 40,000 attendees in 2014 alone. The 27th New Orleans Film Festival featured 237 films and brought 450+ filmmakers to New Orleans to share their work with local audiences. In recent years, the Film Society has developed new programming to serve the New Orleans community, including a mentorship program for promising filmmakers and an education program to promote media literacy for public school students. For tickets or more information, go to <http://neworleansfilmsociety.org>.

Saturday, March 18

It's a Filthy World and no one knows better than the ultra-fabulous John Waters. Daniel Nardicio Presents John Waters: This Filthy World at the Joy Theatre (1500 Canal Street). Doors open at 7pm with the show at 8pm. For tickets, go to <http://www.ticketfly.com> or <http://www.thejoytheater.com>.

Sunday, March 19

Join The Four Seasons Bar (3229 N. Causeway Blvd) for their Spring Music Jam for PFLAG. The event is from 3 – 7pm on their patio. Entertainment will be by The Beaumont Hughes Band and Vanessa Carr Kennedy. Bloody Marys and mimosas will be at special prices for your enjoyment as you listen to great music for a great cause. This is a fundraiser for PFLAG'S Scholarship program! There will be a \$10.00 donation taken at the door. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

Wednesday, March 22 – Sunday, March 26

Stella! Prepare yourself for the wonderful Tennessee Williams Festival taking place at venues throughout the French Quarter and surrounds. The festival includes, special events, master classes, theatrical performances, and readings. There will be stars both locally and internationally. For tickets or more information, go to <http://tennesseewilliams.net>.

Friday, March 24 – Sunday, March 26

The Saints and Sinners Literary Festival was founded in 2003 and has grown into an internationally-recognized event that brings together a who's who of LGBT publishers, writers and readers from throughout the United States and beyond. The Festival, held over 3 days each Spring, features panel discussions and master classes around literary topics that provide a forum for authors, editors, and publishers to talk about their work for the benefit of fans of LGBT literature. This year most of the events will take place in or around the host hotel – Hotel Monteleone (214 Royal Street). For a complete listing of events and tickets, go to <http://sasfest.org>.

Friday, March 24

Join the fun at the not-to-be-missed 40th birthday celebration of the Preservation Resource Center's Julia Jump, taking place at The Cannery (3803 Toulouse Street). The Patron Party starts at 7pm with the Julia Jump beginning at 8pm. There will be 25 of New Orleans best restaurants providing food, Libations provided by Republic National Distributing Company, a silent auction and entertainment by The Essentials. Proceeds from the Jump will enable the PRC to:

Provide critical home repairs for low income, elderly, disabled, and veteran families in neighborhoods across the city; Transform blighted properties into family homes; Train new homebuyers in purchasing and renovating a home of their own. For more information or tickets, go to <https://prcno.org>.

Saturday, March 25

The 7th Annual Dodwell House Extravaganza takes place at the Dodwell House (1519 Esplanade Avenue) from 7 – 10pm. This event will feature live Jazz music, live and silent auctions, delicious food and a bar. All proceeds from the event will be to service the debt and to restore and preserve the historic Dodwell-Marsaudet House. In addition designated giving and memorial gifts may also be offered. For more information or tickets, go to www.dodwellhouse.org.

Saturday, March 25

Come out to the 9th Annual Eggstravaganza at GrandPre's (834 North rampart Street) from 7:30 - 9:30pm. There is a \$10 donation at the door. There will be a live auction and a fabulous show.

Saturday, March 25

The 2nd Annual Brunch Fest NOLA, benefiting the animals of the Louisiana SPCA will be at Crescent Park overlooking the Mississippi River! (Entrance at Elysian Fields and N. Peters Street) from 10am – 3pm. This is a Dog friendly fest with live music and entertainment! Dress in your most festive brunch attire or costume and enjoy brunch-inspired restaurants, cocktails, beer and wine. See Louisiana SPCA adoptables, rescue groups, shop unique fest vendors, win raffle items and much more! Pre-Sale General Admission and VIP Tickets available online now until March 22nd. You can also purchase tickets the day of the event. More info www.la-sPCA.org/brunchfest.

Friday, March 31

Record-breaking six-time Tony Award-winner Audra McDonald returns to New Orleans for Broadway at NOCCA (2800 Charters Street) in a benefit performance for The NOCCA Institute. The Broadway legend will be joined on stage by series host and pianist Seth Rudetsky, who this past November starred in the five-star London premiere of his Broadway musical Disaster! The performance will also include a special guest appearance by McDonald's husband, Will Swenson, the Tony-nominated star of Hair and Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, and is produced by Mark Cortale. The evening will include a mix of intimate, behind-the-scenes stories from one of Broadway's biggest stars — prompted

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by Rudetsky's probing, funny, revealing questions — and Audra singing some of the biggest hits from her musical theatre repertoire. This is a spontaneous evening of hilarity and show-stopping songs not to be missed. The event starts at 8pm.

Tuesday, April 4 – Sunday, April 9

The New Orleans Theatre Association is delighted to announce the first U.S. National tour of the hit musical *THE BODYGUARD* at the Saenger Theatre (1111 Canal Street) as part of the East Jefferson General Hospital Broadway in New Orleans 2016–2017 season. Grammy® Award-nominated and multi-platinum R&B/pop recording artist and film/TV actress Deborah Cox will star as Rachel Marron. In the role of bodyguard Frank Farmer is television star Judson Mills. Tickets for *THE BODYGUARD* start at \$31.29 and will go on sale Friday, Nov. 18, at 10am. Tickets will be available at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, www.BroadwayInNewOrleans.com, all Ticketmaster outlets and by phone at 800.982.2787.

Based on Lawrence Kasdan's 1992 Oscar nominated Warner Bros. film, and adapted by Academy Award-winner (Birdman) Alexander Dinelaris, *THE BODYGUARD* had its world premiere on December 5, 2012 at London's Adelphi Theatre. *THE BODYGUARD* was nominated for four Laurence Olivier Awards including Best New Musical and Best Set Design and won Best New Musical at the Whatsonstage Awards.

Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker. Each expects to be in charge; what they don't expect is to fall in love. A romantic thriller, *THE BODYGUARD* features a host of irresistible classics including *So Emotional*, *One Moment in Time*, *Saving All My Love*, *Run to You*, *I Have Nothing*, *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* and one of the biggest selling songs of all time – *I Will Always Love You*.

Party Down

Mardi Gras is always a fabulously crazy time in the Crescent City and this year was no exception. Because of the way the issues fall, I have three fun weeks to sum up in just a few short paragraphs, which include parades, balls, second lines, theatre and balconies. So let's begin with the two weeks prior to Carnival Day. On Monday, I attended the theatrical show *Niagara Falls* at the St. Claude Theatre. It was a very telling commentary on a dying city that incorporates greed, corruption and even a ghost. *Niagara Falls* is one of those plays that you are not sure if you liked it or not, but it gets you thinking so it definitely does its job.

On Wednesday, I attended the New Orleans Magazine's Hobknobber event at the Creole Queen. This is always a fun monthly networking event that allows you to mingle with other people in different industries. You never know who you might meet to help you in your own career. If you are interested in signing up for these events, go to New Orleans Magazine online and join. It is a very easy and a great way to meet new people.

The weekend was all about neighborhood parades as my friend Laura had a little gathering for the Krewe of Chewbacchus and Tit Rex Parades that rolled in the Marigny. I have noticed that these parades that were once often considered frivolous have now become the catalyst for house parties all around the Quarter, Marigny and Bywater. The crowds have swelled to larger sizes and now people costume every day for parades, not just Mardi Gras Day. I would say these are only tourists or transplants, but I love a good reason to put on a costume, so I was out every time in something fun and shiny. The parades were both festive, but Chewbacchus has to be the largest I have ever seen it. This walking parade stretched for blocks and lasted over an hour. Now that is a growth spurt.

On Sunday, it was more parades this time Uptown. My friends and I caught King Arthur, Carrollton and Alla on Magazine Street at Fleur de Lis Catering, which is one of the best catering companies in the city. The most important thing for a parade Uptown is having bathroom. The parades were awesome especially King Arthur which is one of my favorites and seems to be a little on the gayer side. And they started throwing Grails (think Muse Shoe or Nyx Purse). There were a limited number of these thrown and I got one, thanks Pat Johnson. But I am definitely getting older because a full day of parades literally wiped me out.

Back to parade hopping the following week at Nyx, this time I was on my own since all my friends had to work and I knew so many people in the Krewe. I caught it at the beginning and saw only 23 of the 40 plus floats; talk about female power, within ten years and they are already a super Krewe. I was able to catch three purses Thank you Michelle, Cheryl and Terri for the beautiful designs. Nyx has moved into one of my top five favorite parades – which by the way or in no certain order: King Arthur, Endymion, Nyx, Muses and Orpheus. Although I do have a special place in my heart for Krewe du Vieux.

On Thursday, I was back again on Magazine Street for the Muses Parade which has now become quite the unique scene. First, I adore their new rubber ducky floats that follow the bathtub, simply brilliant. But I have never seen this before, people haggling over those prized decorated shoes with the women on the floats. I saw people handing up wine, food and champagne. It was crazy, who does that anymore. So note to self, bring bartering chips if you want a Muse Shoe, it seems to work.

Working during the Mardi Gras holiday is a crazy as you may understand, so

on Friday, I was able to get out of work slightly early to catch the Hermes Second Line parade through the French Quarter, which if you have not seen it is quite a spectacle. They are led by St. Augustine High School straight from their brunch through the streets of the Quarter tossing beads to people. It is a great way to get fancy throws before the parade. Then I was off to the French 75 Bar at Arnaud's Restaurant for a little kick-off holiday cheer. The place was packed with people, in fact the entire Quarter was a madhouse with people starting their weekend off. Afterwards, hit the Fruit Loop stopping and saying hi to my fellow grand marshals from Decadence Jeff Palmquist at Lafitte's and then Felicia Phillips at GrandPre's. After copious cocktails, I ended up at dinner at my favorite seafood haunt, Jack Dempsey's with some friends.

Saturday was All About The Ball, the Armienius Ball. My friend Braddsten Beaux Church was Queen Armienius 49 and I was honored to be asked to be part of her pages and escort her out. We choreographed an entire number for her complete with stiltwalkers and a coffin. It was loads of excitement the entire day, from practice to decorating your guest tables to finally coming out on stage. Being part of a Gay Carnival Krewe is fulfilling, so if you are interested, I recommend finding the right Krewe fit and joining, you will not regret it. In addition to the Queen's costume, all the costumes were well thought out and executed. The elaborate design and décor that goes into each one is quite amazing. Congrats Beaux and the entire Krewe of Armienius on a successful ball.

After resting the first part of the next day, I attended the Lords of Leather Ball on Sunday Night. Once again, Captain Gary Vandeventer produced an outstanding spectacle complete with inspired costumes, show-stopping dance numbers and a cool magic act. You can tell Gary has had lots of theatrical training because everything was thought out to the last detail. And the Charity Number with Elizabeth Bouvier, Barbara Ella and Kitty D'Litter was a sensation.

I started Monday with work the first part of the day then I was off to Arnaud's restaurant for the Fat Monday Luncheon. This celebration of mostly gay men, is a carnival tradition that provides guest with an afternoon filled with meeting new people (and old friends), delicious cuisine, flowing cocktails and ends with a second line to Good Friends. Each year they announce an in-town and out-of-town queen to lead the procession down Bourbon Street around 3pm. The streets are crowded with plenty of people to cheer us on as we toss beads to the masses. But if you want to attend, you have to get your tickets early because it sells out every year. That night, I was back on the parade route this time downtown to see Orpheus roll. I went to a mini pre-party at Albert Carey's home in the Warehouse District before catching this intriguing parade that boasts vibrantly decorated floats and lots of stars. It was good to see Harry Connick, Jr. back in the parade he helped found.

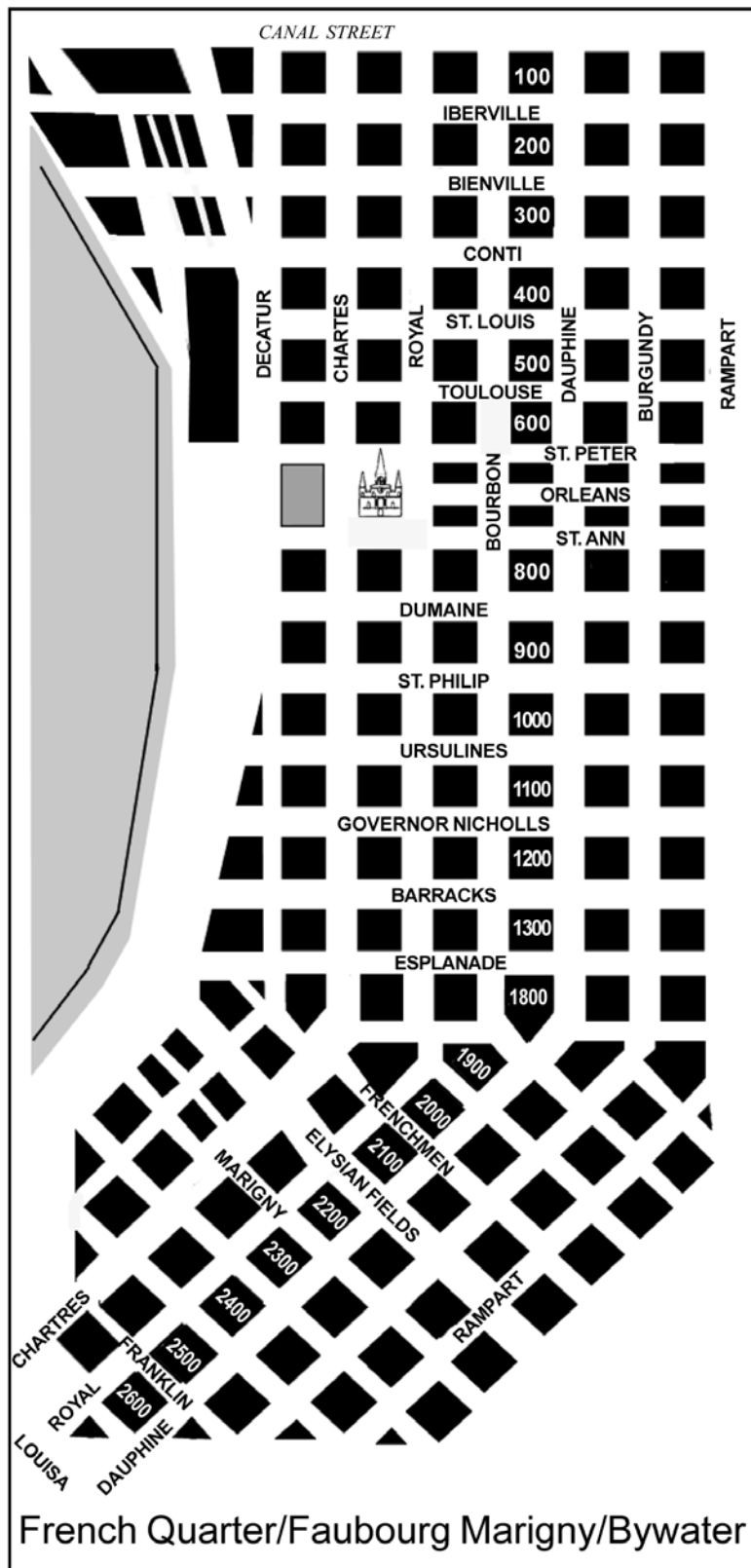
Mardi Gras morning was a day where I get up early and get ready to tackle the world, in a costume. I rebooted up my Southern Decadence Pirate with a few upgrades and hits the street as a Voodoo Jean Lafitte. My first stop was my friend Laura and Gary's house for their Mardi Gras morning party complete with food spread that is mouth-watering. Gary is an excellent chef and prepares Salmon, fried chicken, baked macaroni, chicken and waffles and quite a lovely Bloody Mary bar. It may not be the healthiest of breakfast, but it is probably the best one of the day. Then after a few hours of gathering with friends, we make our way into the Quarter usually following the Krewe of St. Ann. This is where I broke off and attended the Bourbon Street Awards which was pretty cool in their new location. I was able to get a birds-eye view of all the costumes and see Varla Jean Merman and Bianca Del Rio strut their stuff. There were some pretty amazing costumes especially Fatsy Cline from Armienius (who won best drag) in her Viking Ship and Chad and Chase from Apollo Baton Rouge (who won Best In Show and Best Leather) in the pirate ensembles. Once the contest was over, I raced to the Ambush Mansion to cheer on Monica Sinclair-Kennedy as she reigned as King Cake Queen over the Mardi Gras Bead Toss. Monica looked stunning as the Pride Queen as the guests threw to the people below.

After throwing from the balcony a little while, I made my way down to the streets to play at the bars. Lafitte's in Exile was quite the place to be followed by the dance explosion at Oz. I always love dancing in costume; makes twirling so much more over the top. My final stop was a small house party in the Marigny before closing it down for Mardi Gras 2017. I put a fork in it, I was done!

I kept a pretty easy profile for the remainder of the week, but still managed to go to the Art Openings and walk on Julia Street on the first Saturday. There was some pretty great shows, if you get a chance to go check them out. Ariodante gallery is worth checking out. My friends and I followed the walk with dinner at Magasin Kitchen in the warehouse District in the South of Market Area. This area has come alive with all the new eateries. Magasin had a wonderful menu, delicious Vietnamese cuisine with their own special twist and a light, airy atmosphere.

On Sunday, not letting any grass grow under their feet after their Mardi Gras Ball, the Lords of Leather held their rush party at The Phoenix. They had a nice amount of guys come out to check out the Krewe. I even joined as a Baron (which is a supporter). Joining a carnival Krewe may not be for everyone because of time, money or other demands, but I urge you to support them at their events throughout the year to help them throw these entertaining balls. These shows do not come cheap.

Well there you have my Mardi Gras 2017. I hope yours was just as over the top as mine. Now what next St. Patrick and St. Joseph's days, followed quickly by Easter. So go green and stay lucky!



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LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana, 1308 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, LA 70116, 504.475.7911, www.lgbtarchivesla.org

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